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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS

REF: STATE 261793

SUBJECT: OVERFLIGHT FEES ASSESSED BY GOE AGAINST USAF AIRCRAFT.

1. REF REQUESTED EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON FEASIBILITY OF APPROACH TO GOE SEEKING EXEMPTION FROM OVERFLIGHT CHARGES, PRIMARILY ON BASIS OF INTERNATIONAL PRINCIPLE THAT STATE AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE EXEMPTED FROM TAXES, DUTIES, AND FEES NORMALLY IMPOSED ON CIVIL AIRCRAFT. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT (A) IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INAPPROPRIATE TO ASSESS OVERFLIGHT CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT OF A HEAD OF STATE, AND (B) THAT FLIGHTS IN SUPPORT OF SUEZ CANAL CLEARANCE OPERATIONS WERE SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED FROM PAYMENTS OF FEES OR CHARGES.

2. AFTER LENGTHY RESEARCH, EMBASSY HAS DETERMINED THAT, OF THE THIRTY FOUR USAF OVERFLIGHTS IN JUNE 1974 FOR WHICH WE HAVE BEEN BILLED, TWENTY FIVE HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS MAC C-141 GENERAL CARGO FLIGHTS TO VARIOUS MID-EAST COUNTRIES OTHER THAN EGYPT. THE REMAINING NINE (EIGHT C-141 AND ONE 707) APPEAR TO

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HAVE BEEN FLIGHTS TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN EGYPT IN

CONNECTION WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT; NO PRESIDENTIAL VISIT SUPPORT FLIGHTS TO EGYPT WERE BILLED. NO FLIGHTS IN SUPPORT OF SUEZ CANAL CLEARANCE AND SALVAGE OPERATIONS WERE BILLED TO US IN JUNE 1974. OCCASIONALLY, HOWEVER, CHARGES FOR THE LATTER CATEGORY OF FLIGHTS ARE BILLED TO THE EMBASSY; WHEN THIS OCCURS THE CHARGES ARE REFERRED TO THE SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY FOR PAYMENT, AND THERE HAS NOT TO DATE BEEN ANY FURTHER ATTEMPT TO BILL THE U.S. GOVT. FOR THESE FLIGHTS.

3. THUS THE ONLY ISSUE TO BE RESOLVED IS THE BASIC ONE OF EXEMPTION OF STATE AIRCRAFT FROM THE TAXES, DUTIES AND FEES NORMALLY IMPOSED ON STATE AIRCRAFT. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE TO GOE TO SEEK EXEMPTION FROM CHARGES AND WILL PROCEED WITH SUCH AN APPROACH.

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